



SE QUESTIONS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC IF THE APPLICANT IS  
MINEE.

NAME: Bruce Francis Hilton

1. State your present principal occupation: Attorney
2. Are you at least 30 years of age? Yes
3. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States? 51 years  
(b) Have you been a resident of St. Louis County for at least one year immediately prior to the date of this application? Yes  
(c) How long have you been a qualified voter of Missouri? 21 years
4. Are you licensed to practice law in Missouri? Yes

List any other states, courts, or agencies in which you are licensed as an attorney: IL

5. State the date you were admitted to the Bar in Missouri? 1989

Missouri Bar Number: 36234

(In completing items 6 and 7, please account for all time periods between post-high school education and the date of this application.)

6. State the name and address of all colleges and universities you have attended, together with the dates and degrees received:

St. Louis University BA History (1980)

St. Louis University School of Law J.D. (1986)

7. State, in chronological order, your entire working career, including non-legal employment, if any. Include the name and address of each firm, corporation, partnership, or governmental body with which you have been associated, and the dates thereof. (Start with earliest date, conclude with present.)

1968 – 1971 Paper route

1973 – 1975 Detroit Catholic Central High School Janitor (school janitor before school)  
Mobil gas station (after school and weekends)

1976 – 1979 Woodhaven Stamping Plant (Ford Motor Company – summer job)

1979 summer Concrete Laborer

1978 – 1979 Resident Assistant St. Louis University

1979 St. Louis University Campus Police Officer

St. Louis University Student Night Watch

1979 – 1980 Student Director Dormitory Security

1977 – 1979 Amateur Professional Wrestler

1980 – 1982 Clarks Bar – Bartender/ Assistant Manager

1980 – 1982 Markwort Sporting Goods warehouseman/inside sales/outside sales

1984 – 1989 Leritz, Reinert & Duree P.C., 314 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63105  
and 812 N. Collins, Laclede Landing, St. Louis, Missouri 63102

1989 – 1991 Charles P. Todt & Associates, 212 S. Meramec, Clayton, Missouri 63105

1991 – 1995 Eisen, Gillespie, Brown & Hilton, L.L.C., 8045 Big Bend Blvd, Webster  
Groves, Missouri 63119

1995 – 2001 Hilton, Gillespie & Kiesewetter, L.L.C., 10805 Sunset Office Drive, Suite  
210, Sunset Hills, Missouri 63127 and 12209 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood,  
Missouri 63122

2001 – 2005 Hilton & Kiesewetter, L.L.C., 12209 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood,  
Missouri 63122

2005 – 2009 Hilton & Harford, L.L.C., 12209 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood,  
Missouri 63122; 600 South Holmes Avenue, Suite 4, Kirkwood, Missouri  
63122; and 1099 Milwaukee Street, Suite 260, Kirkwood, Missouri 63122

8. If you are presently an associate circuit judge and have served for two years or longer, attach a list of ten significant cases over which you presided to completion. Set forth the style, cause number, date and name and current address of the primary attorneys participating in each case; identifying the party each attorney represented. Indicate whether bench or jury tried and give a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

Not applicable

- (b) In addition, you may attach a list of cases you tried as an attorney in the last five years before becoming a judge. Set forth the style, cause number, date and jurisdiction and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair and the name and address of opposing counsel. State for each case whether bench or jury tried and give a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

9. Are you able, with or without a reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of a judge including the ability to preside over trials, perform legal research, attend court anywhere in the state, communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing, and expeditiously decide issues coming before the court?

Yes

10. If you have never served as an associate circuit judge or have served for fewer than two years, attach a list of cases you have tried in the last five years. Set forth the style, cause number, date, and court, and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair, and the name and address of opposing counsel. Indicate for each case whether bench or jury tried and provide a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome. If, during any of the last five years, you served as a commissioner or in any other judicial capacity, set forth the dates of same and a description of the duties performed.

See attached list.

11. Have you briefed or argued any case in an appellate court?  
If yes, attach a list showing the citation for each case and describe the extent of your participation in briefing and arguing the case.

Yes, see attached.

12. Set forth any additional information that demonstrates the quality of your legal work as an attorney.

I have been honored to serve as a court appointed Guardian ad litem for children in contested custody cases since 1991. In the 750 cases I have been involved in, I have helped families and the court resolve the most important issue facing litigants in a divorce.

I have served on the Board of Governors for the Missouri Bar for 11 years and that has given me an opportunity to work constructively with the leaders of our state. The experience of working closely with members of the executive branch, legislative branch, and judicial branch of our government has been exceptionally rewarding.

13. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony?

No

If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction, and date of conviction:

14. Have you ever been sued by a client or been a party to any other litigation, other than as guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem or defendant ad litem?

If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction and the approximate year in which such litigation was commenced and in which it was terminated:

Yes. Mark Kiesewetter v. Bruce Hilton, Cause No. 05CC-4813, St. Louis County Case filed for dissolution of partnership, including real estate owned by the parties in 2005 and resolved by mediation in 2006.

15. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or professional conduct by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof?

No

If yes, provide details:

16. Have you ever been held in contempt of court?

No

If yes, provide details:

17. If you are or were a member of the Judiciary of the State of Missouri, please state:

Not applicable

- (a) Whether an order of reprimand, removal, retirement, suspension or other disciplinary action has ever been entered against you by the Supreme Court of Missouri for breach of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Canons of Judicial Conduct?

If yes, state the nature of such breach, the date discipline was imposed and the exact nature and duration of the discipline imposed:

- (b) Whether a reprimand or admonishment has ever been entered against you by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline for any of the causes specified in Rule 12.07 of the Supreme Court Rules Governing the Judiciary.

If yes, provide details including date the order was entered, the date of your consent, and a description of the conduct you were ordered to cease and desist:

- (c) Whether, to your knowledge, you have been a subject of a complaint and investigation by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline, which did not result in any action by the Commission? If yes, provide details:

18. To your knowledge, have you been investigated by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof for breach of ethics or professional conduct?

If yes, provide details:

Yes. 1991 complaint handled by Region X Disciplinary Committee - complaint closed in.

1992 (speeding ticket). If I recall, in 2000 investigated by Region X Disciplinary Committee (complainant did not appear for trial – case closed). In July 2000 investigated by Region X Disciplinary Committee – case closed. August 2002, GAL case complainant did not like my recommendation – case closed 11/2002. March 5, 2003 investigated by Region X Disciplinary Committee – complainant thought I was too courteous to the adversary party – case closed September 11, 2003. August 15, 2003 investigated by Region X Disciplinary Committee – complainant alleged additional terms were added to Modification Judgment – case closed April 11, 2004. In February 2008 investigated by Region X Disciplinary Committee – investigation pending submission.

19. List all bar associations and other professional societies, of which you are a member, with any offices held and dates:

The Missouri Bar; elected to Board of Governors 1996 – 2007;

Board of Governors executive committee 2004 – 2005

Illinois Bar

The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

St. Louis County Bar Association

Lawyers Association

Appointed by the Missouri Board of Governors to the Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee for the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit - Elected Chair of the Committee - 2008

20. Describe your community activities, including any organizations, not listed above, with which you are affiliated:

St. Peters Catholic Church, Parish School of Religion Teacher, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher 1991-1999

Treasurer- Tillman Grade School PTO

CYC Coach for baseball, basketball and volleyball (both boys and girls teams) for 16 years  
8<sup>th</sup> grade boy's baseball All-star Team Coach 1999

Metropolitan Bar Association Mock Trial Coach- University City High School 1990-1993

Kirkwood Library Board 1989-1993

Mock Trial Judge and Evaluator 1993-present

Frequent speaker in the Kirkwood School District for law related education

Black Sheep Foundation-Make a Wish Foundation, raising money for kids with cancer 1997-present

Giant Steps Board Member-opened school and provided services for children with autism 1993-1996

Board member of Friends of Heritage House Safe Haven in the city of St. Louis for custody exchanges in high conflict families 1997-2002.

21. Do you now hold or have you ever held any elective or appointive public office or position?

If yes, provide details:

1989-1991 Appointed Golf Outing Chairman Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis  
1989-1993 Appointed to Kirkwood Library Board by Kirkwood City Council  
1996-2007 Elected to the Missouri Bar Board of Governors, District 9, August 2006 for a one year term. Re-elected in 1997 for a two-year term and thereafter until retirement in 2007.  
2004-2005 Elected to serve on the Executive Committee for the Missouri Bar Board of Governors  
Appointed to Pro-se Feasibility Committee for the Missouri Bar Board of Governors  
Appointed to Committee on Diversity for the Missouri Bar Board of Governors  
Appointed by the Missouri Board of Governors to the Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee for the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit - Elected Chair of the Committee - 2008

22. Provide the branches and dates of (a) military service, or (b) other public service, not otherwise covered in this application. If discharged from the military, was the discharge other than honorable? If military service continues, so state:

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Have provided pro bono legal services for the indigent since becoming a member of the Missouri Bar.

23. List any professional articles or books which have been published or any special recognition or award of a professional nature which you have received:

Good Citizen Award from Grand Jurors Association of St. Louis County 1992. First attorney to receive the award. St. Louis County Proclamation presented by County Executive Buzz Westfall "Bruce F. Hilton Day" for actions taken in the Kenneth Baumruk tragedy. 1992 Court en banc accommodation

Martindale Hubbell peer review rated AV. Highest rating in legal ability and ethical standards.

24. Furnish the names and addresses, including zip codes and telephone numbers of not more than five persons, who are not judges, as references with respect to your judicial qualifications:

Mary Ann Weems  
Attorney at Law  
7751 Carondelet, Suite 505  
Clayton, Missouri 63105  
314-727-6933

Marie A. Kenyon  
Attorney at Law  
321 N. Spring Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63108  
314-977-3933

Doug Copeland  
Attorney at Law  
231 S. Bemiston Avenue, Suite 1220  
Clayton, Missouri 63105  
314-726-1900

Charlie Shelton, S.J., Ph.D.  
Regis Jesuit Community  
3333 Regis Blvd.  
Denver, Colorado 80221  
303-964-5508

Steve Potter  
Attorney at Law  
7777 Bonhomme Avenue, Suite 1400  
Clayton, Missouri 63105  
314-862-3800

25. State any additional data you deem relevant:

The highest honor for an attorney that prides themselves on their integrity is to be appointed to the bench. Given my diverse employment history and my service provided to the bench as a court appointed Guardian ad litem, I believe I can emulate all of the exceptional qualities I have observed over the past 20 years from members of the judiciary past and present. I have devoted my professional and personal life to improve the laws and the legal profession and to exemplify the legal profession's ideals of public service.

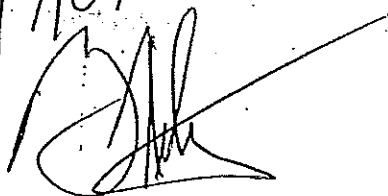
By my signature to this application, I authorize: (1) the Commission by its chairperson to obtain relevant information, including but not limited to documents, records and files with respect to my medical, police or disciplinary records, and (2) the Commission and its members to obtain additional relevant information regarding my qualifications as well as the accuracy of my responses to the questions on this application, with the understanding that the information described in (1) and (2) above is available only to the members of the Twenty-First Circuit Judicial Commission. Notwithstanding the above, in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 10, as amended effective February 29, 2008, if I am one of the three nominees listed on the certificate of nomination sent to the Governor, I authorize the Commission to send a complete copy of this application to the Governor and publicly release a copy of the application with personal and confidential information redacted as identified on the cover page of this application.

I hereby certify that all my statements as made above are correct and that if I am appointed to the office of Circuit Judge of the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, I will accept the appointment, qualify, and promptly enter upon the performance of the duties of that office.

DATE:

1/7/09

SIGNED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. H. [unclear]", written over a horizontal line.